

Docket No.: SCHALLER
Serial No.: 10/766,435

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

This is a continuation application of former application 09/383,978.

Applicant has canceled original claims 1-20 in favor of new claims 21-34 which are intended to present claims in proper form and language and to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention.

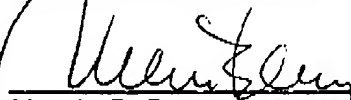
In the last Office Action, the Examiner rejected the claims as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over WO90/02176 (hereinafter "Horwich"). Other claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Horwich in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,928,636 (hereinafter "Alber").

The claims as currently drafted are believed patentably distinguished over the cited prior art. When the Examiner takes this application up for action, he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1747.

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